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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATOIN

Please replace the paragraphs beginning on page 7, line 5 and ending on page 7, line 8 with the following paragraph:

-- if no, determine determined if U and A (and because of the equation U=1-A, also U) converges to a constant value, (e.g., per operator preference [[-]] and to save simulation time, [[or]] if U and A are changing so little after simulating an additional link, or are already adequate enough to not warrant further simulation), by convergence to a constant value, it is meant that the availability remains substantially the same after an additional simulation including an additional link;
(10) At 60, if A converges to a constant convergence, end at 58; --

Please replace the paragraphs beginning on page 10, line 5 and ending on page 10, line 6 with the following paragraph:
  ■ It should be noted that Figure 3 excludes details of clock increments and of setting, decrementing and tracking TTF and TTRp counters, etc. [[TBD]] --